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TO : The Deputy Secretary

FROM: IO - Charles William Maynes

Correspondence on the 36th Session of the
 United Nations Human Rights Commission

Congressman Don Bonker sent a State Department telegram from Geneva on March 4 addressed to you on the subject of Human Rights Commission action on Argentina (Tab 2). Three major non-governmental human rights organizations also wrote to you about the Commission's consideration of disappeared persons and of the situation in Argentina. William J. Butler, President of the American Association for the International Commission of Jurists (Tab 4), Gerhard Elston, Executive Director of Amnesty International U.S.A. (Tab 6), and Harris L. Wofford, Jr., President of the International League for Human Rights (Tab 8), all urged strong action on the disappeared issue.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached letters to Congressman Bonker and the three non-governmental organizations at Tabs 1, 3, 5 and 7.

Attachments:

1. Suggested letter to Congressman Bonker.
2. Geneva 3477 of March 4.
3. Suggested reply to Mr. Butler.
4. Mr. Butler's letter of February 13.
5. Suggested reply to Mr. Elston.
6. Mr. Elston's letter of February 25.
7. Suggested reply to Mr. Wofford.
8. Mr. Wofford's letter of February 19.

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Clearances:

IO - Mr. Dalley (draft)
HA/HR - Mr. Flood (draft)
H - Mr. Gleystein (Bonker letter, draft)
ARA/ECA - Mr. Whitman (draft)

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